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# Ralston gives technical sergeant a STEP up

By Tech. Sgt. Lee Roberts,  
USAF

J-Scope Editor

**W**ASHINGTON - The vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff made an unexpected, early-morning visit Tuesday to the front office of the J-8 Force Structure, Resources, and Assessment Directorate.

Gen. Joseph W. Ralston wasn't there to discuss any pending official business with Air Force Lt. Gen. Frank B. Campbell, the J-8 director. Instead, the general declared that Tech. Sgt. Thomas E. Newton, an information management journeyman in the office,



Photo by Air Force Senior Master Sgt. Mamie M. Burke  
**Gen. Joseph W. Ralston (Left), vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, promotes Tech. Sgt. Thomas E. Newton, J-8, on-the-spot Tuesday to the rank of master sergeant through the Air Force's Stripes for Exceptional Performers Program -- also known as STEP.**

was out of uniform.

Ralston informed Newton that he didn't have the

required rank displayed on his sleeves, and the general proceeded to promote the

15-year NCO to the rank of master sergeant through the Air Force's Stripes for Exceptional Performers Program - also known as a STEP promotion.

Campbell said the vice chairman's visit surprised Newton, who was troubleshooting a computer problem for his boss, Rear Adm. Martin J. Mayer, the J-8 vice director.

"The vice chairman came down here himself to surprise us early in the morning and to pin those stripes onto Sergeant Newton," Campbell explained later in the day. "Sergeant

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Newton was extremely overwhelmed and it took him a moment to catch his breath.”

Newton, a native of Wilmington, N.C., said he wondered if he might be in trouble when the general approached him because the vice chairman rarely visits the area. But when Ralston handed him the new stripes, he felt very gratified.

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Photo by Air Force Senior Master Sgt. Mamie M. Burke

Air Force Lt. Gen. Frank B. Campbell (Left), J-8 Force Structure, Resources, and Assessment Directorate director, and Navy Rear Adm. Martin J. Mayer (Right), J-8 vice director, pose with Air Force Tech. Sgt. Thomas E. Newton following his STEP promotion.

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promotion, Campbell instructed Newton to go home and get new stripes sewn onto his uniform and to come back to work properly displaying the appropriate rank.

Newton said he went home and told his wife Michale that he had been sent home because General Campbell didn't like his uniform. He eventually let her in on his good fortune and showed her the promotion certificate the vice chairman had presented him.



Photo by Air Force Tech. Sgt. Lee Roberts

**Air Force Master Sgt. Thomas E. Newton is an information management specialist working as the executive assistant to Navy Vice Adm. Martin J. Mayer, J-8 Force Structure, Resources, and Assessment Directorate vice director.**

"She was very happy," Newton said. "She remembers all the times when I had to study for promotion tests and I couldn't do things with her... so this

kind of made up for it."

A former technical school instructor, Newton said he hopes the promotion to senior NCO status will allow him to further develop his leadership potential, and to be a mentor to younger airmen. He said he wants to influence young people to mold their careers early by exceeding the standards. "I refer to it like an inspector general inspection... you can't fix in a day what you've been messing up all year," he said.

As for the extra money he'll be earn-

ing, Newton said he plans to pay off a boat he bought earlier in the year. He also plans to continue pursuing a bachelor's degree and to spend more time with his wife and two sons, Tyler, 6, and Michael, 1.

Campbell said, "we're extremely proud to have Master Sgt. Newton working in the J-8. We consider ourselves to be very fortunate to be a part of the surprise ceremony that recognized his outstanding potential to serve at the grade of master sergeant and perhaps even more later."



# General lays blame for casualties on Saddam Hussein

By Senior Master Sgt. Jim Katzaman  
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — If an errant aircraft missile struck a residential area in Iraq, a senior defense official said the blame rests with Saddam Hussein, who continues to threaten coalition forces enforcing the no-fly zones.

Marine Corps Gen. Anthony C. Zinni, com-

mander of U.S. Central Command, said Monday that bomb damage was still under review, but it was possible that a missile launched from a U.S. fighter missed its intended target.

He said that would be a regrettable cost of combat as coalition aircraft defend themselves from attack by Iraqi ground forces which

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Photo by Air Force Tech. Sgt. Lee Roberts

**Marine Gen. Anthony C. Zinni, commander of the U.S. Central Command, said during a Pentagon Press Conference Monday that it's possible an errant aircraft missile struck a residential area in Iraq. The general blames Saddam Hussein because he continues to threaten coalition forces enforcing the no-fly zones.**

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are often embedded in civilian neighborhoods.

Since the end of Operation Desert Fox in December, Iraqi provocations in both the northern and southern no-fly zones have escalated into a flurry of radar illuminations, aircraft intrusions and missile launches against coalition aircraft.

"This poses a threat to our aircraft, both in the north and the south," Zinni said. "We view this threat as centralized and

deliberate, and we view the entire air defense system that's being set against us as the objective in any response that we take. And we will defend our pilots and our aircraft against these attacks."

The general said that since Desert Fox there have been more than 70 no-fly zone violations involving more than 100 Iraqi aircraft. There have also been almost 20 missile launches, anti-aircraft artillery firings and radar illuminations against coalition aircraft.

"We're seeing an increase in frequency,



Photos by Air Force Tech. Sgt. Lee Roberts  
**Marine Gen. Anthony C. Zinni said on certain occasions the coalition has seen Iraqi aircraft working with surface-to-air missile batteries to lure coalition aircraft into what has become known as "SAMBushes." He said coalition pilots have responded within the rules of engagement when attacking the Iraqi air defense system.**

intensity (and) coordination of their entire air defense system against our planes flying in both the north and the

south," Zinni said.

He said the number of surface-to-air missile batteries in southern Iraq has increased 300 percent, and they occasionally move throughout the area. Zinni said this "obviously makes it more difficult for our fliers to know where (the missiles) are and where the threat may be posed.

"It's evident to us that this entire system has been centrally controlled and turned on to oppose our enforcement of the no-fly zone sanc-

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tions, both north and south.”

If anything, the general said, Iraq’s air defenses have grown more sophisticated since Desert Fox.

“On several occasions,” he said, “we’ve seen packages of airplanes, two and three per flight coming down in coordinated fashion, working in cooperation with surface-to-air missile batteries, trying to lure us down into what has become known as ‘SAMbushes’. We have detected early warning systems, optical guidance means being used obviously to prevent turning on radars, which would make targeting for us much easier.”

Zinni said the increased threats against coalition forces stem from the highest levels in Iraq.

“This is orchestrated and obvi-

ously part of the declared objective by the Iraqi leaders to violate the no-fly zone sanctions and to shoot down our planes that are patrolling these zones,” he said. “We responded within our rules of engagement by defending ourselves and attacking this air defense system.”

On the possibility of civilian casualties during an attack against Iraq forces near Basra, Zinni said, “Our targeting and execution of our strikes are done in a manner to minimize any civilian casualties or damage to civilian property.

“No one can guarantee that these strikes will not have errors or that we might not have errant ordnance, but we do take every possible attempt to ensure that that doesn’t happen, both in our planning and in the process of our execution.

“We deeply regret any civilian casualties, regardless of what the cause may be, but these exchanges

have been initiated by Saddam Hussein,” Zinni said. “This has been a deliberate (result) of repeated attacks against our forces.”

In the end, the general made three points:

- “One, we deeply regret any loss of civilian lives or civilian casualties or injuries;
- “Secondly, we do everything humanly possible to prevent that; and
- “Thirdly, and most important, the ultimate reason and cause for these casualties is Saddam Hussein.

“His attacks against us and his history of disregard for the welfare of his own people, which manifests itself not only in the humanitarian side but in the direct attacks he’s conducted, and the use of human shields and the location of military pieces of equipment in civilian areas,” Zinni said, “this has been, I think, since Desert Storm and even before.”

# Military leaders meet for semi-annual conference



Photos by Air Force Senior Master Sgt. Mamie M. Burke

Secretary of Defense William S. Cohen; Deputy Secretary of Defense John J. Hamre; Gen. Henry H. Shelton, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; Gen. Joseph W. Ralston, vice chairman; service chiefs; and combatant commanders pose for a photograph Tuesday at National Defense University at Fort McNair, D.C., during the semi-annual commander-in-chief's conference.



Carolyn Shelton, wife of the chairman, and Dede Ralston, wife of the vice chairman, host the wives of the service chiefs and combatant commanders during meetings Tuesday at Fort Myer, Va. The CINCs Conference Ladies Program sponsored discussions and presentations on "social issues in the military," which included TRICARE; and retirement, pay and personnel issues.



# Cohen announces national missile defense plan

By Douglas J. Gillert  
American Forces Press  
Service

WASHINGTON — The Pentagon will spend \$6.6 billion over the next six years to develop and possibly deploy a limited national missile defense system.

On the day after President Clinton said in his annual State of the Union address that the United States must do more to restrain the spread of nuclear weapons and missiles, Cohen described how DoD will guard America



Photo by R. D. Ward

**Air Force Lt. Gen. Lester L. Lyles, director of the Ballistic Missile Defense Organization, briefs reporters at the Pentagon Jan. 20 on the latest developments in hardware, operational concepts, and political and diplomatic considerations relating to missile defense.**

against rogue nation missile attacks. Henry Shelton, Joint Chiefs of Staff chairman, and Air Force Cohen; Army Gen.

Lt. Gen. Lester Lyles, Ballistic Missile Defense Organization director, described the plan Jan. 20 to Pentagon reporters.

"We're affirming there is a threat and the threat is growing," Cohen said. "We expect it will soon pose a danger not only to our troops overseas but also to Americans here at home."

The defense plan calls for a limited capability, one that would defend the United States against attack by rogue nations, he said. It

would not provide a hedge against Russia's extensive missile capabilities.

The need for limited national defense comes from growing capabilities of nations such as North Korea that are building and testing multistage rockets capable of carrying warheads, Cohen said. North Korea's firing last August of a Taepo Dong missile indicates "the United States in fact will face a rogue nation mis-

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sile threat to our homeland against which we will have to defend the American people," he said.

The envisioned system includes a satellite-based sensor to detect the exhaust of a missile after it's launched, Lyles said. Early-warning radar would track the missile's flight path, a ground-based radar would target it, and a ground-launched interceptor would destroy it.

Cohen acknowledged the plan may require altering the Anti-Ballistic Missile (ABM) Treaty that the United States and the Soviet Union (now Russia)



**Air Force Lt. Gen. Lester L. Lyles, director of the Ballistic Missile Defense Organization, said the envisioned missile defense system includes a satellite-based sensor to detect the exhaust of a missile after it is launched. (Photo by R. D. Ward)**

signed in 1972. "We have amended the treaty before, and we see no reason why it cannot be amended again," Cohen said. He added, however, that the treaty provides the right to

withdraw with six months' notice "if a party concludes it's in its supreme national interests."

To avoid accusations of "rushing to failure" that have surrounded develop-

ment of a theater missile defense system, Cohen said DoD will phase key decisions to occur only after critical integrated flight tests.

"As a result, instead of projecting a deployment date of 2003 with exceedingly high risk, we are now projecting a deployment date of 2005 with a much more manageable risk," he said. "But if the testing goes flawlessly, we may be able to deploy sooner.

"We cannot afford to fail," the secretary said. "The approach that we are presenting today is the optimal one to provide a capable national missile defense system as soon as possible."

# ***Pentagon repeats: anthrax vaccine is safe***

By Linda D. Kozaryn  
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON - Pentagon officials insist the mandatory anthrax vaccine has proven to be safe.

"It's safe and reliable," Pentagon Spokesman Ken Bacon said. "It works and has no side effects."



Photo by Air Force Tech. Sgt. Lee Roberts

Pentagon Spokesman Ken Bacon told the media last week that the mandatory anthrax vaccine is "safe and reliable." He was responding to reporters' questions regarding eight pilots from Connecticut's Air National Guard who plan to resign rather than take the anthrax six-shot series.

Reporters queried Bacon about the vaccine Jan. 21 during a Pentagon briefing after eight pilots from Connecticut's Air National Guard 103rd Fighter Wing

said they planned to resign rather than take the six-shot series. The unit, which flies A-10 Thunderbolts, is scheduled to deploy to the Gulf later this year.

The anthrax vaccine is mandatory for all service members, active duty and reserve, but priority is being given to people going to Southwest Asia and Korea, Bacon explained. "After that, people who are likely to deploy to these or other hot spots are in line to get the shots," he said.

Bacon reported that during exit interviews, six of the eight Connecticut pilots said anthrax was only one of many factors that en-

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tered into their decision to resign. "Some may have found that the pressures of staying in the air guard and training were hard to balance with their family or business lives," he said. "Some may not have wanted to deploy to the Gulf for personal reasons."

As of Jan. 12, Bacon said, 166,233 service members have received 463,226 shots. This includes the Defense Department's top civilian and military



Photo by Air Force Tech. Sgt. Lee Roberts

**The anthrax vaccine was certified by the Food and Drug Administration in 1970. Since then, veterinarians, laboratory workers and livestock handlers have safely used the vaccine.**

leaders, he added. "All of these people are fine," Bacon said. Anthrax shots are "a very safe and

very important force protection measure" aimed at protecting people from the risks they could face on the

battlefield, Bacon said. "Biological warfare is one of the emerging threats we face."

The vaccine was certified by the Food and Drug Administration in 1970. Since then, veterinarians, laboratory workers and livestock handlers have used the vaccine, Bacon said.

Every vaccine poses some risks, however, Bacon noted. "There have been some reactions to the vaccine. The reactions tend to be extremely minor - a little redness on the arm, for instance. A serious reaction is

one that might involve a slightly elevated fever."

This has generally been an extremely successful program," Bacon said. "I think soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines understand this is for their own protection. We have found that almost all willingly take these shots."

For more information on the anthrax immunization program, go to the DoD web site "Countering the Anthrax Threat" at <http://www.defenselink.mil/specials/Anthrax/>.



## News briefs

### Enlisted encounter

The Air Force Pentagon Enlisted Council and the Washington Area Top Three is sponsoring an "Enlisted Encounter with Senior Leaders" 10:15 a.m. today in Room 5A1070.

The guest speaker at the event is the Honorable F. Whitten Peters, the acting secretary of the Air Force. The event is open to all enlisted personnel.

### Building passes

Until further notice, when a new building pass is issued, it takes 24 hours for activation. If anyone with a new badge has a problem with the card read-

ers while entering the building, inform the guards and they will arrange for entry.

If anyone has a building pass replaced, do not use the old badge. The card readers won't acknowledge it and the badge will be confiscated.

### Did you know?

The Joint Chiefs of Staff Identification Badge has been used as the seal of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, although no official action has ever designated it as such. Today it appears on JCS publications, plans, official files, and on plaques, walls and entrances.



Photo by Air Force Lt. Col. Dave Thurston

## A second star

Congratulations to Air Force Brig. Gen. T. Michael "Buzz" Moseley, J-5 Strategic Plans and Policy Directorate, deputy director for Politico-Military Affairs, on his selection this week for promotion to the rank of major general.

# New look for JCSLink is more than skin deep

By Tech. Sgt. Lee Roberts,  
USAF  
J-Scope editor

If you point your unclassified web browser toward <http://www.dtic.mil/jcs/> you may not recognize the site when it opens. JCSLink, the official web site for the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the Joint Staff, has been given a complete facelift and acquired new features to make it more "user-friendly."

According to site manager, Air Force Lt.

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Col. Dave Thurston, users should find the new JCSLink more visually appealing and easier to navigate.

"The most obvious change is the overall arrangement and 'look' of the site," said Thurston. "We've used more subtle colors and a new layout to create a more professional appearance.

"More importantly," said the colonel, "Java applets have been used to animate the



**Judy Berger and a team of technical advisers at the Defense Technical Information Center, Fort Belvoir, Va., worked with the Office of the Special Assistant for Public Affairs to the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff to improve and update JCSLink.**

menu system which now expands, allowing the viewer to quickly review the site's contents without leaving the front page."

JCSLink has

retained the familiar categories of information and links to many sites and subjects of interest to Joint Staff users. Among the more notable are direct

links to force protection, joint education and training, and joint warfighting information. New links are added frequently.

The JCSLink update was a cooperative effort between the Office of the Special Assistant for Public Affairs to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and a team of technical advisers at the Defense Technical Information Center.

"We rely on the 'cyber wizards' at DTIC for all of our technical support," said Thurston.

"Their team of experts are the keys to an effective Joint Staff presence on the Internet," he stressed.

The DTIC team for JCS support is led by Judy Berger, assisted by programmers Lloyd Celis and Carolyn Jones, and GTE employees Tuyet To and Bob Harner who provide contract support.

Questions about JCSLink and ideas for improvement are welcome anytime. Call Thurston at **(703) 695-7678** or contact him by E-mail at **thurstdl@js.pentagon.mil**.

## J-Scope feedback

The following comments have recently been E-mailed to the J-Scope by our readers.

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“The Joint Staff Officer’s Guide is a great resource. Thanks for letting us know about the new edition available on the Internet in your last issue (Jan. 22).”

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# Muslim troops highlight nation's diversity



Photo by Linda D. Kozaryn

**Air Force 2nd Lt. Abdullah Hamza Al-Mubarak addresses fellow Muslim service members at the Pentagon's second annual Iftar celebration marking the Islam holy month of Ramadan. Hosts of the Jan. 15 gathering were Deputy Secretary of Defense John J. Hamre (Left) and Vice Adm. Vern Clark (Center), Joint Staff director. Al-Mubarak is due to become the Air Force's first Muslim chaplain when he completes seminary training in May.**

By Linda D. Kozaryn  
American Forces Press Service

**W**ASHINGTON — Qaseem Ali Uqdah and Abdullah Hamza Al-Mubarak share a common goal. Both former enlisted men aim to help make life a little easier for people in the armed forces who share their faith.

Uqdah, a former Marine, and Al-Mubarak, a former airman, are followers of Islam, a religion based on the teachings of the prophet Mohammed. The 1.2 billion who practice the faith worldwide are known as Muslims.

They believe in one God, Allah, and abide by religious laws written in the Koran, Islam's holy book.

Islam is the fastest growing religion in the United States. The Council on American-Islamic Relations here estimates there are now 6 million Muslims in America compared to 2 million in the early 1970s. Nearly half are African-American converts. The rest are immigrants from such countries as India, Pakistan, and Arab and African nations.

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Uqdah and Al-Mubarak converted to Islam and while on active duty often found themselves with nowhere to turn for religious guidance. For the most part, Muslim chaplains were unheard of in the armed forces. When the two service members left the enlisted ranks, they set out to help their religious brethren in uniform.

Uqdah, a 21-year Marine Corps veteran, today heads the American Muslim Armed Forces and Veterans Affairs Council, based in Arlington, Va. Al-Mubarak is now an Air Force Reserve second lieutenant and attending the School of Islamic and Social Sciences in Leesburg, Va. Upon completing seminary training in May, he will become the Air Force's first Muslim chaplain.

**Things have improved somewhat for the estimated 4,000 Muslim service members now on active duty. Two Muslim chaplains serve the Army and two serve the Navy.**

"When I started at Parris Island [Marine Corps Recruit Depot, S.C.] in 1975, there was no support for Muslim service members," Uqdah recalled. The former gunnery sergeant has worked to change that since he retired eight years ago. "It's been a labor of love. This is like Christian missionary work. We have to have someone focus on it. If you don't, it's going to fall short."

Since Uqdah and Al-Mubarak served in the enlisted ranks, military leaders have come to recognize Muslim service members' religious needs. Things have improved somewhat for the estimated 4,000 Muslim service members now on active duty. Two Muslim chaplains serve the Army and two serve the Navy.

Along with Al-Mubarak, two more Muslim chaplain candidates are in training, one for the Air Force and one for the Army. The first permanent Islamic mosque, the Masjid al Da'wah, opened at Norfolk Navy Base, Va., last November for the estimated 750 Muslim sailors there.

Al-Mubarak said he experienced "a certain level of anxiety and emptiness" not having a chaplain of the same faith. He said he missed

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having someone who could facilitate his religious needs and understood his religious etiquette.

In 1995, he took the initiative to find out why there were so few Muslim chaplains and got the ball rolling to do what he could to change that. Two years later, he picked up his commission and entered the Air Force chaplain candidate program. The program allows the military and the candidate to look each other over while the candidate's

enrolled in seminary, he said.

Today, Al-Mubarak goes on active duty during seminary training breaks and works with chapel staffs. "In my case, whatever base I go to, it has been something new for everybody," he said.

"Other chaplains have been fantastic at showing me what it takes to be a chaplain — how to help airmen, how to work within an ecumenical environment to facilitate other faith groups without compromising your own."

Uqdah and Al-Mubarak recently helped senior military leaders recognize Muslim service members. Deputy Defense

Secretary John J. Hamre and Vice Adm. Vern Clark, director of the Joint Staff, invited them and about 25 Muslim service members to the Pentagon Jan. 15 in honor of the month-long celebration of Ramadan.

During Ramadan, Muslims do not eat, drink or have sexual intercourse from sunup to sundown. After sundown, they break the fast during "Iftar." This was the second annual Ramadan Iftar hosted at the Pentagon.

Uqdah said the event is designed to remind commanders and senior enlisted members that they have Muslim service members within their ranks.

"Often, Muslim service members have the support of the chaplain, but the one who truly makes a difference is that commanding officer," he said. "When an issue comes up with respect to religious accommodation, ... the chaplain will make a recommendation, but the commanding officer is the one who says, 'This is what's going to happen.'"

By recognizing Muslim service members at the Pentagon, military leaders send a clear signal to the field that

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“Muslim soldiers are there; take care of them,” Uqdah said.

Before dining, the Muslim troops turned toward Mecca, the Muslim holy city in Saudi Arabia, and chanted prayers led by Army Muslim Chaplain (Capt.) Mohammed Khan of the 519th Military Intelligence Battalion, Fort Bragg, N.C. Khan also led prayers during the first Iftar at the Pentagon.

Khan, an 18-year Army veteran

born in India, said he originally worked in preventive medicine in the Army Nurse Corps. He said he became the Army’s second Muslim chaplain in May 1997.

“They were looking for chaplains, so I switched over,” he said. “I was already serving the Army, educating commanders and troops about Islam, especially during Desert Storm. I was writing articles about Muslim events like Ramadan and dietary requirements for Muslim soldiers.”

Khan said the annual Pentagon celebration of Ramadan is very encouraging and supportive for Muslim soldiers. “It indicates the integrity of the armed forces that they’re committed to all faiths,” he said.

One guest who accompanied Khan from Fort Bragg echoed the chaplain’s view. Army Pfc. Boukassim Khalid of C Company, 1st Battalion, 321st Field Artillery, said the Iftar celebration gave him a chance to meet some fellow

Muslims and discuss religious issues. Originally from Morocco, Khalid said he joined the military two years ago to earn education benefits. “Muslim troops are a minority, but they are a part of the military,” he said.

After Muslim service members said prayers and broke their day’s fast with water and dates, Clark expressed his appreciation for their contribution to the nation’s defense. “I’m thankful that we’re here where it’s all right for us to

have different views and different faiths,” he said. “Diversity is part of our greatness.”

Hamre said the fundamental principles expressed in the Constitution — liberty, justice, equality and opportunity — are the same fundamental values of Muslims, Christians and Jews.

“We are faithful to our Constitution only if we recognize the religious freedoms and rights of all of our soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines,” he said.

**(AFPS)**





Photo by Air Force Senior Master Sgt. Rick Haney

## Award ceremony

Army Maj. Gen. George F. Close (Left), J-7 Operational Plans and Interoperability Directorate director, presents the Defense Superior Service Medal Jan. 19 to Army Lt. Col. Eugene B. Smith, the general's executive officer, during an end-of-tour award ceremony at the Flag Room.

## Retirement ceremony

Army Maj. Gen. Stephen T. Rippe (Left), Joint Staff vice director, presents a retirement certificate Wednesday to Army Sgt. 1st Class Sammie Powell Jr., Directorate of Management Printing Office, during a retirement ceremony at the Emergency Conference Room. Powell's son Sammie Powell III, 7, and daughter Kayla, 2, witness the event. Powell also received the Defense Meritorious Service Medal. (Photo by Air Force Tech. Sgt. Lee Roberts)





Photo by Air Force Master Sgt. Kerry G. Dugue

## Promotion ceremony

Army Lt. Col. Timothy S. O'Rourke, military assistant to the assistant secretary of the Army for Installations, Logistics and Environment, promotes Army Maj. Michael C. Wilmer, J-8 Studies, Analysis and Gaming Division, to the rank of lieutenant colonel during a ceremony Jan. 4 at the J-8 Red Room. Wilmer's wife Fran assists O'Rourke with the promotion. His son Brian participated.



Photo by Air Force Maj. Leonardo P. Calabretta

## Promotion ceremony

Marine Brig. Gen. Jim Cartwright, J-8 Force Structure, Resources, and Assessment Directorate, deputy director for Force Structure, Resources and Requirements, assists Patricia Post in pinning the rank of colonel onto (her husband) Marine Lt. Col. Martin Post's epaulettes during a Pentagon ceremony Jan. 4. Marine Lt. Gen. Fred McCorkle (Far left), deputy chief of staff (Aviation), Headquarters Marine Corps, officiated the promotion ceremony. Post's sons Tim and Ryan, and daughter Erin attended the event.

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**Congratulations to the following Joint Staff Marine lieutenant colonels who were selected this week for promotion to the rank of colonel:**

■ John D. Gumbel, J-3

■ William R. Murray, J-7

■ Joseph I. Musca, J-3

■ George E. Rector Jr., J-5

■ Tommy L. Tyrrell Jr., J-7

■ Kevin A. Vietti, J-3

# .....J-Spotlight.....



**Name:** Navy Chief Petty Officer Lyvot Shanks

**Organization:** J-8 Force Structure, Resources, and Assessment Directorate

**Duty title:** Administrative specialist

**Time in service:** 13 years

**Hometown:** Camden, N.J.

**Family:** Wife Kai, son, Che

**Hobbies:** Model car building, weight lifting, family time, and sports

**Most embarrassing moment:** Singing "Anchors Away" with my fellow chief selects during chief's initiation in the office of former Joint Staff Director Adm. Dennis C. Blair

**Favorite duty station:** Joint Chiefs of Staff

**Career Highlight:** Selection as a chief petty officer



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## Osprey sighting

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